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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : David C. Ward et al.  
Filed : December 7, 1987  
For : MODIFIED NUCLEOTIDES AND METHODS OF  
PREPARING AND USING SAME

SN 130,097

December 7, 1987

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

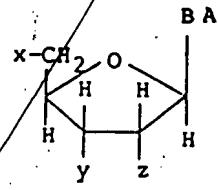
Preliminary to the first Office Action in the above-identified application, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel claims 1-100, 104-109, 113-137 and 140-145. ~~OK~~

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

101. (amended) A [chemical complex] composition comprising a compound [in accordance with claim 1] having the structure:



wherein B represents a purine, deazapurine, or pyrimidine moiety covalently bonded to the C<sup>1'</sup> -position of the sugar